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LETTER DATED 8 OCTOBER 1992 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to present to you the attached letter, dated 7 October 1992, from the President of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, H.E. Mr. Alija Izetbegovic.

May I ask for your kind assistance in circulating this letter as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Muhamed SACIRBEY
Ambassador
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Annex

Letter dated 7 October 1992 from the President of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina addressed to the President of the Security Council

Heavy destruction of towns of Maglaj and Gradacac in northern Bosnia by the aggressor's air force continue. Both towns are disappearing in the fire caused by cluster and inflammable bombs.

In Bosanski Brod, also in northern Bosnia, the aggressor expelled all of its citizens into Croatia.

Sarajevo is burning sector by sector. The aggressor is concentrating its firepower on residential buildings, using inflammable artillery. The whole city continues to be without water, electricity, gas or heating fuel. Our hospitals have been without water or electricity for weeks now.

Excellency, as a Member of the United Nations, the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina is entitled to certain rights in the face of outside aggression. The Security Council has passed numerous resolutions intended to protect those rights. However, the Security Council refuses to resolutely implement and enforce any of the resolutions.

It is our understanding that the Security Council is considering another such resolution. A resolution which would establish a "no-fly zone".

Excellency, such a zone has already been established at the London Conference five weeks ago. The aggressor agreed to it and the London Conference accepted their promise. The United Nations was a co-sponsor of this accord, and by extension, the Security Council accepted this accord as final.

Excellency, a "no-fly zone" resolution which would not include immediate enforcement will only allow for continued aggression from the air and result in hundreds or even thousands of unnecessary deaths and certainly tens of thousands of new victims of ethnic cleansing. In turn, these new refugees will become an added burden to the already desperate humanitarian relief effort.

(Signed) Alija IZETBEGOVIC